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SUBJECT: PAN AFRICAN FORCE

REF: STATE 211377 (NOTAL)

1. BELGIAN CHARGE DE LA PARRE-D'ERQUELINNES MET WITH
AF/C OFFICER AUGUST 21, AS FORESEEN REFTEL. DRAWING
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ON CABLE FROM BELGIAN EMBASSY KINSHASA, HE SAID THAT
MOROCCAN REINFORCEMENTS OF 250 MEN WILL ARRIVE IN
ZAIRE IN THE COURSE OF THE WEEK. THE NEW CONTINGENT
WILL BE DEPLOYED IN THE TANGANYIKA SECTOR WITH COMMAND
POST AT KALEMI. THE TROOPS, ALONG WITH VEHICLES
AND EQUIPMENT, ARE BEING TRANSPORTED IN C-130S, HE
SAID.

2. THE REINFORCEMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED SIX HELICOPTERS -- FOUR FROM MOROCCO'S OWN STOCKS AND TWO FROM ZAIRE. THE ZAIRIAN HELICOPTERS ARE PART OF FOUR IT WAS PURCHASING FROM THE FRENCH. ACCORDING TO THE MESSAGE FROM KINSHASA, SAUDI ARABIA IS "PARTICIPATING IN FINANCING OF LOGISTICAL SUPPORT OF THE PAN AFRICAN FORCE". ALTHOUGH HE COULD PROVIDE NO DETAILS,

DE LA PARRE IMPLIED THAT THE SAUDIS WERE INVOLVED IN THE FINANCING OF THE HELICOPTER PURCHASE AND POSSIBLY IN THE EXPENSES ENTAILED IN PUTTING SIX MACCHIS BACK INTO WORKING CONDITION. (COMMENT: MOST OF HIS INFORMATION SEEMS TO JIBE MORE OR LESS WITH THAT CONTAINED IN IR 6821 0155 78.)

3. ON AUGUST 28-30 PARIS MEETING ON PAF, BELGIAN CHARGE SAID BELGIAN EMBASSY AT PARIS HAD INFORMED HIM THAT, ACCORDING TO QUAI, THE FRENCH FORESAW A MEETING THAT WOULD COVER THE POLITICAL/ECONOMIC SITUATION IN ZAIRE, LOGISTICAL SUPPORT FOR THE PAN AFRICAN FORCE, INCLUDING FINANCIAL ASPECTS, AND ITS LIKELY DURATION TAKING INTO ACCOUNT RECENT MILITARY AND POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS. FRENCH INVITATION ALSO STRESSED THE NEED TO KEEP THE MEETING WITHOUT PUBLICITY. DE LA PARRE, WHO HAD NO WORD FROM

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BRUSSELS, COULD SHED NO LIGHT ON COMPOSITION OF BELGIAN DELEGATION.

4. ASKED HOW HE VIEWED THE MEETING, AF/C OFFICER REPLIED ALONG THE LINES OF STATE 211443 AND 211377, EMPHASIZING THAT THE FRENCH ARE HOSTS, THAT WE LOOKED UPON IT IN TERMS OF INFORMATIONAL EXCHANGE, AND THAT WE WOULD NOT BE IN A POSITION TO ENTER INTO COMMITMENTS ON THE RE-SUPPLY QUESTION.

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